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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KABUL: REMARKS TO AMERICAN
COMMUNITY

1. FOLLOWING IS VERBATIN TEXT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
REMARKS TO THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY IN KABUL DURING HIS VISIT
TO AFGHANISTAN NOVEMBER 1. THE REMARKS WERE DELIVERED AT
APPROXIMATELY 1445 LOCAL TIME (1015 GMY).

2. QUOTE

MR. AMBASSADOR, MRS. ELIOT, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE
HERE AND I AM SOMEWHAT APOLOGETIC BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ALL HAVE
BEEN BROUGHT OUT HERE ON A HOLIDAY. USUALLY WHEN I SEE SO
MANY STATE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES I EXPECT AN ANTI-KISSINGER
DEMONSTRATION. (LAUGHTER) I WANT TO SAY TWO BRIEF THINGS.
(1) HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE WHAT IS BEING DONE BY PEOPLE LIKE
YOURSELVES SO FAR FROM HOME AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR
PEOPLE IN MY POSITION AND MY ASSOCIATES TO KNOW WHAT YOU ARE
DOING TO GET YOUR REPORTS AND TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR WORK. THE
KIND OF REPORTING, THIS IS MOSTLY FOR STATE DEPARTMENT
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PERSONNAL, THAT I FIND MOST HELPFUL ESPECIALLY IN COUNTRIES

ABOUT WHICH MY KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT BEEN OUTSTANDING (THOUGH IT HAS BEEN AUGMENTED TODAY) IS TO GET SOME ANALYSIS OF THE TRENDS, AND SOME SENSE OF THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENTS AS YOU SEE THEM, AND THOSE ARE THE REPORTS I ALWAYS READ. BUT BEYOND THIS, WHEN ONE TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD. WHEN ONE IS CONSCIOUS OF SO MUCH OF THE DEBATE IN AMERICA, ABOUT WHERE AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO BE GOING, ONE CAN NEVER FORGET HOW MUCH DEPENDS ON THE UNITED STATES RIGHT NOW. WE LIVE IN A WORLD IN WHICH ALL THE BASIC PATTERNS THAT WE ARE FAMILIAR WITH ARE CHANGING, IN WHICH MANY COUNTRIES ARE LOOKING FOR PROGRESS, AND WHERE THE PEACE OF THE WORLD DEPENDS IMPORT-ANTLY ON WHAT WE DO. AND NO MATTER HOW MANY DOUBTS MAY BE EXPRESSED IN AMERICA THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE ABROAD KNOW THAT WITHOUT OUR CONTRIBUTION AND DEDICATION THE GOALS FOR WHICH AMERICA HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR PEACE AND PROGRESS CANNOT BE ATTAINED AND THIS IS INDEED IS WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT HERE. SO I WAS VERY GLAD WHEN YOUR AMBASSADOR WHOM I KNEW IN WASHINGTON AND WHO FOR FIVE YEARS REPRESENTED THE BRIDGE BETWEEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THE WHITE HOUSE I WAS VERY GLAD WHEN HE ASKED ME TO ADDRESS YOU AND WHEN I CALLED HIM A BRIDGE YOU KNOW A BRIDGE IS SOMETHING THAT EVERYBODY WALKS OVER (LAUGHTER) SO HE DISCHARGED THAT RESPONSIBILITY NOT OF BEING WALKED OVER BUT OF ESTABLISHING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT UNDER VERY COMPLICATED CIRCUMSTANCES WITH GREAT TACT AND ENORMOUS ABILITY AND THEREFORE I KNOW THAT ESTABLISHING BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND AFGHANISTAN IS EASY COMPARED TO THAT. I HAVE TOLD THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I HAVE BEEN GOING AROUND THE WORLD SAYING RELATIONS WITH THAT COUNTRY ARE GOOD AND GETTING BETTER AND IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF I COULD GO SOME PLACE AND SAY RELATIONS ARE BAD AND GETTING WORSE. BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS TRUE. WE RESPECT THE FIERCE SENSE OF INDEPENDENCE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED THE HISTORY OF AFGHANISTAN. AND WHAT WE WANT IN THE WORLD IS A NATION, IS A SOCIETY OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS, PROUD OF THEIR INDEPENDENCE AND IN MY TALKS WITH THE AFGHAN LEADERS TODAY I POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT THE PROGRESS OF THEIR COUNTRY IS OUR ONLY INTEREST HERE AND THAT WE WELCOME THEIR GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND AS FAR AS I WAS CONCERNED I WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE HOSPITALITY THAT I HAVE RECEIVED HERE

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AND EVEN AT THE RISK OF REPEATING MYSELF I WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER THAT OUR RELATIONS ARE GOOD AND ARE GETTING MUCH BETTER. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME. LET ME EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING AND LET ME TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN IN WASHINGTON.

THANK YOU.

ELIOT

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